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COMBINATION

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ELECTION

The Applicants elect with traverse Group I, claims 18-33, a method for stabilizing a car-trailer combination and species A. The Applicants believe that species A corresponds to claims 18-33.

Applicants elect with traverse for three reasons. First, the "species" are not distinct species but alternate techniques that are employed by the current system and may be used together. Second, the "species" are contained in claim 28 and the examiner must examine this claim regardless of the election and it is impossible to elect one species without the others. Third, the "species" require no further search or consideration by the examiner and will not result in any hardship on the Patent Office to examine all of the claims.

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STATEMENT

The undersigned, an agent registered to practice before the Office, hereby states that the enclosed substitute specification includes the same changes as are indicated in the marked-up copy of the original specification. It does not contain new subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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